

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Our news media have come to speak with a nearly uniform voice • most often supporting the government's positions. This is a far cry from the important role they once served of questioning government policy so that the public could see both sides of issues. It is essential that a greater level of objective questioning be reinstalled in the media and further consolidation will have precisely the opposite effect.